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SUBJ: THRONE SPEECH

FOLLOWING ARE THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 40 MINUTE THRONE SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE GOVERNOR GENERAL ON THURSDAY, APR 18 WHICH OUTLINED THE GOVT'S PROGRAM FOR JFY-75:

1. CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE: THE GOVT WILL MOVE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A JOINT COMMITTEE OF BOTH HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT TO EXAMINE THE CONSTITUTION AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF TWELVE YEARS OF INDEPENDENCE.

2. EDUCATION: ALLOCATIONS FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT WILL INCREASE FROM 19 PERCENT OF THE BUDGET TO 21 PER CENT.

3. NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICE: THE PRESENT VOLUNTARY PROGRAM WILL BECOME MANDATORY FOR ALL GRADUATES OF SECONDARY AND TECHNICAL

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4. CRIME WAR: THERE WILL BE NEW APPROACHES TO PENAL REFORM WITH CORRECTIONAL SERVICES STRUCTURED INTO THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND JUSTICE.

5. OWNERSHIP: GOVT IS TO INTRODUCE SYSTEMS OF OWNERSHIP WHICH WILL GIVE OPPORTUNITIES TO SMALL INVESTORS AND WORKERS TO PARTICIPATE.

6. EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES: IN ADDITION TO BAUXITE, THE GOJ WILL RENEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS WITH THE GYPSUM INDUSTRY.

7. LAND REDISTRIBUTION: 7,300 SMALL FARMERS WILL BE PLACED ON 20,700 ACRES OF LAND UNDER THE LAND LEASE PROGRAM.

8. FOOD PRICES: THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING CORPORATION'S SYSTEM OF RETAIL OUTLETS WILL BE EXPANDED.

9. NATIONAL INSURANCE: THE NATIONAL INSURANCE SCHEME WILL BE EXPANDED TO PROVIDE EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS BASED ON CONTRIBUTIONS.

10. EMPLOYMENT: A LABOR MARKETING INFORMATION SERVICE WILL BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MATCHING JOBS WITH WORKERS.

11. BUDGET: FOLLOWING THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S SPEECH, THE 1975 BUDGET WAS INTRODUCED WHICH CALLS FOR AN EXPENDITURE OF J\$623 MILLION FOR THE PERIOD APR 1974 - MAR 1975. THE NEW BUDGET IS AN INCREASE OF \$165 MILLION OVER JFY 74. THE BUDGET DEBATE WILL OPEN MAY 8.

12. COMMENT: THE ONLY REAL SURPRISE IN THE GG'S SPEECH WAS THE MENTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM WHICH IS A SENSITIVE MATTER IN VIEW OF THE RECENT LAWS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE GOJ IN THE WAR AGAINST CRIME AND ALSO IN VIEW OF THE LOCAL FEELINGS ABOUT FORBES BURNHAM'S INTENTIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT. A MEMBER OF THE COURT OF APPEAL, HOWEVER, TOLD AN EMBOFF LAST EVENING THAT THE ONLY CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION THAT IS UNDER CONSIDERATION WOULD BE TO STRAIGHTEN OUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE PRESIDENT OF THE COURT OF APPEAL. THE MERE INTENTION TO TINKER WITH THE CONSTITUTION COULD GIVE THE OPPOSITION THE ISSUE IT NEEDS IN ORDER TO REGROUP AND MOUNT AN EFFECTIVE ATTACK ON GOVT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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13. FINANCING GOVT'S PROPOSALS WOULD APPEAR TO PRESENT MAJOR PROBLEMS FOR THE GOVT.  
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